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Transgenic Mice Containing Cerberus Gene Disruptions

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL LEVITEN PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

- I, Michael Leviten, residing at 3166 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306, hereby declare:
- 1. I am a joint inventor of the subject matter claimed in the above-cited patent application, entitled "Transgenic Mice Containing Cerberus Gene Disruptions."
- I am familiar with the above-cited application. I am also familiar with the Office Action mailed June 22, 2005. I am aware that the Examiner has rejected the claims as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) by Stanley et al., Genesis, 2000, 26:259-264, which according to NCBI records was published in April 2000. The reference discloses a mouse having the first coding exon of the *Cerl* gene replaced with a *lacZ* reporter.
- 3. The claimed invention, a transgenic mouse having a disruption in the *Cer1* gene, was invented prior to the publication date of April 2000 of the Stanley reference. In support, attached are printout pages from Assignee Deltagen's internal FileMaker animal tracking database. On each page, the box entitled "Target #" shows the number "67" which is Deltagen's internal reference number for the *Cer1* gene (see also the box entitled "Target Info" and the docket

number of the instant case). On page 1, it can be seen that heterozygous mice were born on November 11, 1999. On page 2, it can be seen that homozygous mice were born on January 25, 2000.

- Thus, heterozygous and homozygous mice within the scope of the claims were actually 4. reduced to practice prior to the April 2000 effective date of the Peters reference.
- I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and 5. further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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Docket No.: R67/75658.197

Application No.: 09/887,552

Entitled: Transgenic Mice Containing Cerberus Gene Disruptions

Deltagen, Inc., a corporation states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment of the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012462, Frame 0575, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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